things.—If you wiſh to make your ſon rich, purſue one courſe—if you are only anxious to make him virtuous, you muſt take another; but do not imagine that you can bound from one road to the other without loſing your way *.

* See an excellent eſſay on this ſubject by Mrs. Barbauld, in *Miſcellaneous Pieces in Proſe*.

CHAP. VI.

THE EFFECT WHICH AN EARLY ASSOCIATION OF IDEAS HAS UPON THE CHARACTER.

EDUCATED in the enervating ſtyle recommended by the writers on whom I have been animadverting; and not having a chance, from their ſubordinate ſtate in ſociety, to recover their loſt ground, is it ſurpriſing that women every where appear a defect in nature? Is it ſurpriſing, when we conſider what a determinate effect an early aſſociation of ideas has on the character, that they neglect their underſtandings, and turn all their attention to their perſons?

The great advantages which naturally reſult from ſtoring the mind with knowledge, are obvious from the following conſiderations. The aſſociation of our ideas is either habitual or inſtantaneous; and the latter mode ſeems rather to depend on the original temperature of the mind than on the will. When the